

1 10A NCAC 13P .0208 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .0208 CONVALESCENT AMBULANCE: VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT**
4 **REQUIREMENTS**

5 (a) To be permitted as a Convalescent Ambulance, a vehicle shall have:

6 (1) a patient compartment that meets the following interior dimensions:

7 (A) the length, measured on the floor from the back of the driver's compartment, driver's seat
8 or partition to the inside edge of the rear loading doors, ~~shall be~~ is at least 102 inches; and

9 (B) the height ~~shall be~~ is at least 48 inches over the patient area, measured from the
10 approximate center of the floor, exclusive of cabinets or equipment;

11 (2) patient care equipment and supplies as defined in the ~~treatment protocols for the system. Vehicles~~
12 ~~used by EMS providers that are not required to have treatment protocols shall have patient care~~
13 ~~equipment and supplies as defined in the~~ "North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians:
14 Standards for Medical Oversight and Data Collection," incorporated by reference in accordance
15 with G.S. 150B-21.6, including subsequent amendments and editions. This document is available
16 from the OEMS, 2707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2707, at no cost. The
17 equipment and supplies shall be clean, in working order, and secured in the vehicle;

18 (3) other equipment ~~to include;~~ that includes:

19 (A) one fire extinguisher mounted in a quick release bracket that ~~shall either be~~ is either a dry
20 chemical or all-purpose type and ~~have~~ has a pressure gauge; and

21 (B) the availability of one pediatric restraint device to safely transport pediatric patients and
22 children under 20 40 pounds in the patient compartment of the ambulance. ~~ambulance;~~

23 (4) permanently installed heating and air conditioning systems; and

24 (5) a copy of the EMS System patient care treatment protocols.

25 (b) Convalescent Ambulances shall:

26 (1) not be equipped, permanently or temporarily, with any emergency warning devices, audible or
27 visual, other than those required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards;

28 (2) have the name of the ~~ambulance provider~~ EMS Provider permanently displayed on each side of
29 the vehicle;

30 (3) not have emergency medical symbols, such as the Star of Life, block design cross, or any other
31 medical markings, symbols, or emblems, including the word "EMERGENCY," on the vehicle;

32 (4) have the words "CONVALESCENT AMBULANCE" lettered on both sides and on the rear of the
33 vehicle body; and

34 (5) have reflective tape affixed to the vehicle such that there is reflectivity on all sides of the vehicle.

35 (c) A two-way radio or radiotelephone device such as a cellular telephone shall be available to summon emergency
36 assistance for a vehicle permitted as a convalescent ambulance.

(d) The convalescent ambulance shall not have structural or functional defects that may adversely affect the patient, the EMS personnel, or the safe operation of the vehicle.

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